Superior Court Description

The Superior Court of Arizona in Coconino County is part of the state's only general jurisdiction court. The Superior Court may hear and decide a large variety of cases of almost any type except small claims, minor offenses, and violations of city codes and ordinances. Generally, there are two major categories of cases heard in Superior Court: criminal and civil. Criminal cases involve a person or entity charged with committing, attempting to commit or engaging in an activity prohibited by law and defined as a crime.

Civil cases include all court cases not defined as criminal. They include such matters as disputes between citizens involved in contractual agreements and tort liability, probate matters, divorces, etc.

The Superior Court has original jurisdiction of cases and proceedings in which exclusive jurisdiction is not vested by law in another court. The Superior Court is empowered to hear cases of equality and law involving title to or possession of real property, or the legality of any tax, impost, assessment, toll, or a municipal ordinance; civil claims of \$5,000 or more.

Currently there are six divisions of the Superior Court in Coconino County under the administrative supervision of the Presiding Judge who is appointed by the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court.